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SUBJECT: UNESCO PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION ON THE  
REVISION OF THE PUBLICATION ON HISTORY OF MANKIND  
18-19 JULY, PARIS

1. AS A RESULT OF 104TH EX. BD. WORKING COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION, UNESCO SECRETARIAT (CULTURAL SECTOR)  
CONVENED SUBJECT CONSULTATION. CONSULTANTS PRESENT  
WERE: CARNEIRO (BRAZIL) AS CHAIRMAN; KOUTAKOV (USSR);  
MORAZE (FRANCE); NIANE (SENEGAL); USLAR PIETRI  
(VENEZUELA); PORTER (SIERRA LEONE); GOPAL (INDIA); AND  
TINSMAN (US). LI TCHEOTUNG (PRC) ATTENDED AS OBSERVER.  
SECRETARIAT WAS REPRESENTED BY POUCHPA DASS, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF CULTURAL STUDIES AND RICHARDSON (SCIENCE  
SECTOR). HAVET (ADG - SOCIAL SCIENCES SECTOR) WAS  
PRESENT FOR ONLY 40 MINUTES.

2. CARNEIRO CONTROLLED DEBATE, KEEPING IT ON TARGET.  
GOPAL AND USLAR PIETRI MADE PRACTICAL INSIGHTFUL INTER-  
VENTIONS GUIDING DISCUSSION. MORAZE ALSO HELPFUL  
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(ADVOCATED AN INTRODUCTORY VOLUME WHICH WOULD PROVIDE  
RATIONALE, ETC. FOR NEW EDITION.) KOUTAKOV SPOKE  
FREQUENTLY, MOSTLY IN SOVIET GENERALITIES, BUT MADE  
PRACTICAL PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS. (HE PREVIOUSLY  
SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT A 50-60 PAGE PROPOSAL  
OUTLINE FOR THE NEW EDITION.) GOPAL AGREES THAT THIS  
OUTLINE IS THE TYPICAL MARXIST APPROACH TO AND VIEW OF

HISTORY. OUTLINE WAS NOT DISCUSSED.) NIANE, PORTER  
AND LI SAID LITTLE.

3. THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AGREED TO MAKE THE  
FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DG AND EXECUTIVE BOARD:

A. THE WORK WILL PRODUCE A NEW EDITION - NOT A REVISION.  
IT WILL DRAW FROM PREVIOUS WORK BUT WILL NOT BE LIMITED  
BY IT. "GAPS" WILL BE FILLED AND "CORRECTIONS" WILL  
BE MADE.

B. DECISIONS CONCERNING CONTENT WILL BE MADE ONLY AFTER  
A CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE EXISTING TEXTS.

C. NEW EDITION WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE LARGEST PUBLIC  
POSSIBLE IN STYLE, COST, ETC.

D. THE FEASIBILITY OF AN INTRODUCTORY VOLUME WHICH WOULD  
INCLUDE THE RATIONALE AND PURPOSE OF NEW EDITION, NEW  
RESEARCH METHADOLOGIES, IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS IN  
PREVIOUS EDITION, ETC., SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE  
COMMISSION TO BE FORMED.

E. THE COMMISSION WILL USE AND NEW EDITION WILL INCLUDE  
AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH.

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F. AN ANALYSIS OF OTHER RELEVANT UNESCO PROJECTS WILL  
BE CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY WHICH ONES COULD MAKE A  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW EDITION.

G. THE COMMISSION WILL:

(1) DEFINE THE OBJECTIVES AND TASKS TO BE PER-  
FORMED,

(2) ESTABLISH THE ORIENTATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE  
WORK,

(3) CONTROL AND COORDINATE THE EXECUTION OF THE WORK.

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H. MEMBERS WILL BE GENERALISTS AS WELL AS SPECIALISTS  
AND SHOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF AND READY ACCESS TO INTER-  
NATIONAL EXPERTISE, INSTITUTIONS, AND NGO'S.

I. THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIST OF CHAIRMAN  
(CARNEIRO) AND 19 OTHER MEMBERS. GEOGRAPHIC DISTRI-  
BUTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:  
AFRICA - 3

ASIA - 5

OCEANIA - L

ARAB STATES - 2

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN - 3

WESTERN EUROPE - 2

EASTERN EUROPE - 2

NORTH AMERICA - 1  
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J. THE BUREAU WILL CONSIST OF THE CHAIRMAN AND SIX  
OTHER MEMBERS, I.E., ONE EACH FROM AFRICA, ASIA,  
ARAB STATES, WESTERN EUROPE, EASTERN EUROPE AND  
NORTH AMERICA.

K. THE COMMISSION WILL MEET ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR. THE BUREAU CAN MEET UP TO THREE TIMES ANNUALLY. (COMMENT: SOME FELT BIENNIUM WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO ANNUAL.)

4. NAMES OF NOMINEES FOR THE COMMISSION ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONSULTANTS BY 20 AUGUST. ALSO ON THAT DATE CONSULTANTS ARE TO SUBMIT A LIST OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH WOULD BE QUALIFIED AND AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN ITS WORK.

5. THE CONSULTANTS DISCUSSED AND SPECULATED WHAT BUDGET SHOULD BE. GOPAL REPORTED THAT THE DG SAID HE "WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE PROVIDING UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE NEXT BIENNIUM." NO DEFINITE FIGURE WAS RECOMMENDED, BUT DISCUSSION INCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF \$90,000 FOR COMMISSION AND BUREAU MEETINGS, AND \$20-\$40,000 EACH FOR CONTRACTS WITH 10 TO 20 INSTITUTIONS. SECRETARIAT WILL FORMULATE A WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 105TH EX. BD.

6. COMMENT: THIS PROJECT NOW HAS DG'S INTEREST. CARNEIRO IS A STRONG CHAIRMAN. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT COMMITTEE AT ITS 105TH SESSION AND WILL SEND A RECOMMENDATION TO THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.  
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PERMDEL FEELS THAT THIS PROJECT HAS INTEREST OF THIRD AND EASTERN WORLD. IT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE 20 C/5 DOCUMENT.

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7. CARNEIRO APPROACHED TINSMAN, BUILDING ON US LEADERSHIP OF FIRST "HISTORY OF MANKIND" PROJECT (1952-1969). HE REQUESTED THAT U.S. PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THIS PROJECT, IN PARTICULAR TO NOMINATE A WELL-KNOWN SCHOLAR TO BE ON THE COMMISSION, ONE WHO WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE LEADING INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOLARS IN THE U.S.

8. GOPAL WILL SUBMIT A LIST OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS TO DG. HE WILL INCLUDE THE NAME OF DANIEL BOORSTIN OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

9. PERMDEL FEELS THIRD WORLD IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT AND THAT IT WILL RECEIVE STRONG BACKING. PERMDEL ANTICIPATES EASTERN BLOC WILL ATTEMPT TO USE THIS PROJECT AS OPPORTUNITY TO GLAMORIZE SOCIALIST SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, PROJECT DIRECTION AND QUALITY WILL DEPEND UPON THE QUALITY OF THE COMMISSION AND OPENNESS OF THE DG AND SECRETARIAT.

10. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT USG:

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A) TAKE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN PROJECT;

B) NOMINATE HIGH LEVEL, RENOWN SCHOLAR-ADMINISTRATOR FOR COMMISSION;

C) CONTACT VARIOUS AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS WELL-KNOWN IN THE FIELD AND APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO SECURE THEIR COOPERATION AND SUBMIT LIST TO PERMDEL FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DG PRIOR TO 20 AUGUST.

D) AT 105TH EX. BD. ADVOCATE THAT DG FIND THE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT FROM WITHIN THE ACCEPTED BUDGET CEILING.  
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